

as it was to sign up. If they don't and they lock consumers in with abusive practices, they will face penalties. Policing unfair and deceptive business practices makes our capitalist economy stronger, safer, and more competitive. That is the FTC's job, and I am glad they are a cop on the consumer protection beat.

I am committed to saving Orange County families time and money. If a company won't let you cancel a subscription, you can report this fraud on the FTC's website or contact my office for help.

SECURE DAVID LIN'S RELEASE

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of David Lin who, has been imprisoned in China since 2006 on charges of contract fraud.

Although the Chinese Government has reduced David's sentence, the fact remains that David has been separated from his family for nearly 16 years and may die in prison. He has already missed his children's graduations, his daughter's wedding, and the birth of his grandchild.

At age 67, his health is declining, and he may never have the opportunity to hold his grandchildren or see his family again. Recently, his daughter was diagnosed with breast cancer. This is urgent.

Americans wrongfully detained overseas should be allowed to come home to their loved ones, and I urge President Biden to continue doing everything in his power to secure David's release.

SOUTHWEST CARPENTERS VISIT

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, Orange County infrastructure is getting an upgrade because of Federal funds.

Last week, I had the opportunity to wear an orange safety vest and a hard hat and join the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters Local 714 at one of their job sites. I saw firsthand how they are working to improve our freeways and keep families safe. Their commitment to quality work was an inspiration.

This project will improve 16 miles of the 405 in Orange County. It will revamp road conditions and upgrade bridges with safer sidewalks and bike lanes. It was paid for, in part, through Federal funds.

I was proud to support the bipartisan infrastructure law, which makes additional investments to create millions of jobs and strengthen our economy. This law will make necessary infrastructure projects possible, and I will continue supporting Federal legislation that brings resources back home to Orange County.

INFLATION—FOOD AND WATER SHORTAGES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, we are dealing with an awful lot of grave

issues. Indeed, they become crises when they aren't managed correctly in this country.

So we are hearing a lot about inflation and feeling the effects, especially regular people, middle-income people, lower-middle-income people, low-income people are being harmed by the policies put forth the last year and a quarter.

We hear a lot about how Americans are paying more:

Vehicles. You can't hardly find a new vehicle, and the price of used vehicles has skyrocketed.

Gas at the pump. Do I need to talk about that anymore?

Lodging.

Airline fares to even get us to our jobs here in Washington, D.C., but for regular people on vacation and doing their business as well.

What isn't being talked about enough? The cost of food and the availability of food.

Inflation is hitting it hard, too.

Cost of inputs.

In my home State, lack of water. Lack of water in California.

Why does that matter to the rest of the country? Well, I will tell you. Farms and ranches produce about \$50 billion in output in California, but there needs to be water for the crops.

Environmental laws are forcing the release of water down the rivers and out to the oceans for coho salmon, delta smelt, et cetera.

Our agriculture sector in California is the most important in the United States. There are a lot of other very important sectors as well.

We lead the Nation in over 77 different crops, including many fruit and vegetable specialty crops. Our top commodities are milk, almonds, grapes, cattle and calves, strawberries, pistachios, lettuce, walnuts, floriculture, tomatoes, rice, broilers, carrots, hay, broccoli, tangerines, oranges, and lemons, to name a few.

Our State is the only producer—which means 99 percent or more—of almonds, artichokes, celery, figs, garlic, honeydew, nectarines, olives, peaches, sweet rice, and walnuts.

For almonds, California grows all the domestic production, and 77 percent of global production comes from California.

So it is kind of important that the water flows through our State. That is one of the important inputs that we are short on.

I talked about the energy costs. On my own farm, we are fortunate enough to have a fairly decent water allocation where I live in my part of the State, but I have neighbors to the west and south of me receiving, in some cases, zero percent allocations. Zero.

Take rice production, for example. It is going to be down probably by about half. As a rice grower that gravely concerns me, but as a food producer, and all of you as food consumers, you need to be greatly concerned. These policies can be avoided. We still have a point

that we can save this springtime and get crops planted with water that is available presently.

Instead, we are watching world events here. Ukraine, their farmers are dodging bombs right now trying to get crops planted. Russia has actually been somewhat of an important exporter, not so much to this country but we import some things from them: fertilizer, some of our energy.

We need to be putting a stop to that and become self-sufficient like we can. We should have energy independence. We had that up until a year ago.

So we are going to keep shorting ourselves on crops growing because of environmental laws, taking the water away, shifting it to a fish that doesn't even exist in the delta anymore in northern California, the smelt. Trillions of gallons of water going out into the ocean and fields being idled; permanent crops being destroyed; trees and vines just dying because there is no water for them.

We are going to feel that. We are already feeling it in the stores. When you can go to a major supermarket and see a whole freezer section has nothing in it, in the United States of America, that blows my mind. We can grow plenty here, and we always have until these times. Environmental laws are trumping what people need. Bad energy policy is driving the cost of everything.

Some of the fertilizer I have to put on my crops has over doubled in price. That all has to be made up somewhere. Either the farmer eats it and goes out of business, or it has to be made up on a store shelf. Somewhere along the chain it has to be made up for.

We can produce the energy that produces fertilizer that fuels the tractors, the trucks, the combines, everything it takes to bring a crop in, we can produce it here. We are capable of it. Yet, we are being paralyzed by policies at the Federal level and at my home State level as well.

One of the ideas in the legislature on top of everything, on top of this \$6 gas we have in California, is to add more gas tax on top of that by our State legislature.

That is not your problem, the rest of the country. I mean, sometimes we are a comic show at what we do out there, and we get laughed at by the rest of the country, but we won't fix it here. It needs to be fixed there.

Don't do what we do, okay, rest of the country?

We need to set policy here where we can in Congress at the Federal level that brings us energy independence and helps put food back on the table instead of taking the water away and raising the costs of everything so much that we can't farm this country anymore.

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HONORING THE LEGACY OF ART FRANKLIN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Alabama (Ms. SEWELL) for 5 minutes.

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a pioneer of broadcast journalism, news anchor Art Franklin, who will be making his departure from CBS 42 in Birmingham, Alabama, on Friday, April 29.

Art Franklin is a multiple Emmy Award-winning journalist whose broadcast career has spanned more than 38 years and earned him more than 100 community and journalism awards, including two Emmy Awards. And, most recently, he was awarded an Edward R. Murrow Award in 2021 for excellence in innovation as anchor of CBS 42's Coronavirus House Calls.

Art currently anchors the CBS 42 Evening News at 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 10 p.m., after returning to Birmingham to anchor the CBS 42 Morning News with Art Franklin, and served as a managing editor.

Art first came to Birmingham in 1991 and spent 12 years at WBRC-TV, where he was a trailblazer, becoming Birmingham's first African-American male to anchor in prime time.

During his career of almost four decades, Art has worked as a radio announcer, a radio news director, a production manager, a talk show host of both radio and television, a television news producer, host of a television public affairs show, and the producer of the National Association of Black Journalist Awards show that was aired on BET.

In addition to his time as a journalist, Art was the CEO of Atlanta-based independent record company 285 Records.

The author of a book, "Give It All You Got," Art launched in 2021 the Art Franklin Collection, a clothing line of men's ties, bow ties, shirts, and custom suits.

Art sits on numerous boards in the State of Alabama. He is an avid cook and tennis player, and he is a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Art Franklin for his extraordinary career and contributions to broadcast journalism.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Art. We in Birmingham are so proud of all that he has done, and we wish him much luck in his endeavors.

RECOGNIZING PRINCETON BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of Princeton Baptist Medical Center and Baptist Health System in Birmingham, Alabama.

For a century, the Princeton Baptist Medical Center has been dedicated to serving the most vulnerable in our communities by prioritizing community health and expanding access to healthcare.

As a faith-based hospital, Princeton was built on the premise that it would provide services to patients, regardless of their ability to pay. During its first day of operation, Princeton served 39 patients, with 11 more admitted by the day's end, without any operating capital.

Since then, the Princeton Baptist Medical Center began expanding rapidly, undergoing multiple major hospital renovations. As the hospital's infrastructure grew, so did its network, expanding to meet the needs of its patients by adding new departments to expand critical services and research, as well as to keep abreast of the latest medical developments.

During the 1990s, additional hospitals joined Princeton Baptist to build one of our State's largest and most comprehensive network of acute-care hospitals: The Brookwood Baptist Health.

Since its humble beginnings, Princeton Baptist Medical Center has remained active in the community, hosting several residency and mentoring programs. It even became the first healthcare center in the United States to implement a pastoral education program and student internship.

Now, with more than 230 physicians, an additional 1,700 employees, and 505 licensed hospital beds, Princeton Baptist Medical Center continues to be a centerpiece in our Birmingham community. I am honored to be their partner in our fight to expand healthcare access to all Alabamians.

I am proud to honor Princeton Baptist Medical Center for its profound contributions to our community as they celebrate 100 years of service.

Madam Speaker, I thank Princeton Baptist Medical Center.

MAKING EVERY AMERICAN TOWN A BORDER TOWN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, reports of clandestine flights taking thousands of illegal immigrants across the country on behalf of U.S. taxpayers are extremely concerning.

In his 45 years as a United States Senator, and Vice President, and now President, Joe Biden has sworn to defend the U.S. Constitution from all enemies, foreign and domestic, on eight separate occasions, presumably including invasions of our border. Nowhere in the Constitution does it describe using taxpayer dollars to transport illegal immigrants to every corner of this country.

Employees of the airline in question are fearful that they may be participating in human trafficking as unaccompanied minors are on many of these flights.

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas must answer whether American taxpayers are paying for these secret flights and, if so, why. All parties involved should be

held accountable, including President Biden.

None of this would be an issue if we had just followed through on President Trump's plan to build a wall at our southern border and secure our borders. Instead, President Biden seems determined to make every town in America a border town.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MILLARD VAUGHN OAKLEY

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the late Millard Vaughn Oakley, one of the greatest Tennesseans I have every known. His legacy will live on in our State's history for generations to come.

He started life as a shoeshine on the Livingston, Tennessee, square, and checked out as a multimillionaire, chasing the excitement of the next great business deal or opportunity or challenge. He was a faithful husband, a loving father, and grandfather, an exemplary public servant, and a passionate believer in his small town and the surrounding region.

If you took a trip to Overton County, Tennessee, you wouldn't have to look far to find someone directly blessed by Millard Vaughn Oakley. That is certainly true for me.

We come from opposing political parties. I am a conservative Republican. He was a southern Democrat, having served as a State Representative and State Insurance Commissioner under a Democratic Governor. But that never impeded his willingness to encourage me or hear me out. Our debates and disagreements were always cordial. There was never a time when I did not glean something valuable from a conversation I had with him. He cared and believed in me, and that meant the world.

Countless Tennesseans would say the same about this mighty man. There was not a person in the town who Mr. Oakley did not endeavor to know. Whether you were the gas station clerk, a sheriff's deputy, or a student, you mattered to Millard Vaughn Oakley.

What I will always miss is his most sincere compassion. He gave life to the dreams of many. His generosity will live on through the numerous funds and scholarships to multiple schools and foundations.

As you venture down Interstate 40 in Cookeville and exit to State Route 111, you will find yourself on Millard Vaughn Oakley Parkway. That is the main thoroughfare into the town so dearly loved by this treasure of a Tennessean. Up that State Route, you will find an impressive public library giving children and adults access to thousands of books and a new magnificent county building, each made possible by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Oakley.

There is no replacing Millard Vaughn Oakley, only honoring him by being better, doing better, and leaving this world a little better in memory of a great Tennessean who did it better